96 Brattle St.
Cambridge March 19/83

My dear Dr. Gray

I send by bearer 17 boxes containing Mr. James' collection of Mosses — the man will stop & put them wherever you direct.

I wish the College would purchase them from the Estate for we do not feel that we ought to give them.

One box I have marked not to be opened except by you (no. 17) It contains the books of mounted

specimens - &c - ~~&c~~ very complete
set of of mosses & many duplicates
beautifully mounted & the names
&c - printed with Mr. James' pen
These are too precious to be
handled, but should a purchaser
appear you might wish to exhibit
them.
There are also in the box two copies
of Sullivant printed book, with interleaved
Mr. James' notes - I think there
is a third copy but I have not
put it in, not seeing it when I
packed the box -
very truly yours - in haste
Isabella James
P.S. Please give me before we
leave Cambridge a receipt for the
17 boxes -